

Literacy As Evangelism On Christian Education

(Excerpts from an address given by Frank C. Laubach at the annual meeting of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, January, 1950.)

When the City of Ephesus welcomed Paul, he wrote: "A wide door for effectual work has been opened for me, and there are many adversaries." One city! One wide door!

I speak now of three doors as big as half the world, which have just swung open for us and there are many adversaries.

The first of these is the new passion of three-fifths of the human race to learn to read, and their readiness to accept the gospel when we teach them and witness. We are praying that the entire Christian Church will adopt literacy and evangelism as our opportunity to evangelize the non-Christian world in our generation. The dream of John R. Mott can begin to come true in this generation.

The second door is opening now. We must train our missionaries also to write simply and fascinatingly. For when people learn to read they have hungry minds. They are learning to read now at the rate of ten million a year. They can read easy matter slowly. But nearly all the Christian literature now produced is over the heads of the new literates. It will be many years before they can read what we have been printing. So we face the truly colossal task of preparing writers for one hundred and fifty millions who have learned to read in the past fifteen years, and the ten millions who are learning every year.

There is now a new reason why we ought to plunge into this teaching and writing like giants and not like pygmies. And here is the third door. The United Nations last November 16 voted to send thousands of men and women with technical skills to needy areas. If the church is there teaching the illiterates and furnishing simple literature, we can lay the foundation for this world uplift program.

The world thinks it wants technical skill, but it needs the character and the power of Jesus Christ more than it needs skill. It needs both, but it needs Christ more.

Carlos Romulo said the other day that 1950 can be the greatest year in history. He was thinking of the United Nations. But I am thinking of you here. What you decide is more fateful than the acts of the United Nations. You have the keys to the kingdom of heaven. It will be the greatest year in history only if you Christianize this world program, taking the Christian gospel into Point Four. God has thrown open three stupendous doors of opportunity to save the world. He calls you to a daring religion like the first Pentecost. He calls you to bold strong strides, to enormous new advance. He asks you to go forth to tell good news to America and to the poor people of the world. He calls you to awaken and convert and educate our churches, give them a vision that we have seen, setting them on fire to save the world. We can have such an ingathering of souls as never was seen in all history.

We shall hear, not fifty thousand on New Guinea, but a billion illiterate non-Christians of Asia and Africa say: "We want Christ. He does so much for us."

Besides, all these illiterates are children for whom Christ died.

He seeks them. He wants to win them, and this is

When they were blind He opened their eyes. Then when the multitude gathered He saved their souls. That is Christ's method. We need to practice, as Christ did, the gospels which we preach. They turn to us in throngs whenever we open their blind eyes. You have been praying for advance, talking about advance, gathering money for advance. God is doing His part, swinging the doors of the world wide open and saying: "Here is advance, immense beyond anything you dreamed, if you come and help them out of their misery, their hunger, their disease, their prison."

I am afraid of the Communists, not afraid of the Catholics, I'm afraid of some of the Protestants who have neither fire nor vision — men here who begin to see why this might be hard, or unprecedented, or premature if not properly surveyed, or too informal, or too big. The put-on-the-brake type, the go-slow type alone can ruin God's program. Oh ye of little faith, keep your foot off the brake. Let God do the braking if He doesn't want to save those souls. He weeps over us as He did over Jerusalem. We have nothing to fear but fear; we shall not fail when God is pushing us. I tell you what we need to fear, fear the way we are now, for we aren't good enough, hot enough, high enough, daring enough, far-visioned enough, for this splendid hour. Fear the way we are now. We aren't good enough for God. Is God satisfied with what we call Advance? Can you doubt that God's answer is: "No!"

America waits for you; the illiterate billion wait for you and the nations welcome you. It is the call of God. Lead America through these three doors and win the world for Christ!—Augustana Mission Advance.



Pastor W. O. Rindahl

CANADIAN LUTHERAN BIBLE INSTITUTE

This school opens its doors for the new school year on October 23rd. There will be registration throughout the day, and opening service in the evening. Pastor T. W. Maakestad, president of the Board, will speak. Teachers for the fall term are Pastor C. Robert Pearson, Pastor E. W. Olsen, and the Dean.

During the winter term, Pastor W. O. Rindahl, who was superintendent of the Umpumulo Normal School in Zululand, will teach, together with the regular teachers. He will also be present at the Fellowship Waak. He will bring the Foreign Mission Emphasis into the school.

WORLD CONVENTION AT TORONTO

By Pastor A. K. Haugen

Having had the privilege of attending the World Convention on Christian Education at Toronto, August 10-16, I shall share some of my general impressions and reactions.

My first impression was that it was a long way to go. That impression was confirmed as I travelled on or waited for trains from Outlook, Sask., on Tuesday noon until I arrived in Canada's second largest city on Friday morning. However, by the time I arrived at the campus of the University of Toronto, where the convention was held, it soon became very real to me that many others had journeyed much farther than I had. A glance at the delegates showed that they had come from distant lands. Some wore their native costumes. They spoke English but with various brogues and accents and difficulties. A glance at the "Who's Who" page in the back of the convention program leaflet which we got with other material when we paid our \$7.50 registration fee, told of such personalities as Adegbola from Nigeria, Caldeira from Brazil, Ibrahim from Egypt, Kuppasamy from Malaya, Tuilovone from the Fiji Islands, and Vauromo from Finland, besides names more common to us. Over half of the delegates were from the U.S.A. with the heaviest delegation from Pennsylvania. There must have been one or two hundred Negroes. Thrilling it was to see and hear these Christians from near and far. However it did make me feel closer to home to know that Pastor M. S. Johnson from Saskatoon was there too.

Here they were from east and west, from north and south, gathered under the theme, "Jesus Christ, Teacher and Lord." The messages in general were interesting, and challenged our thinking. I felt that some could have emphasized more Christ as Savior. Visser 'T Hoft, the General Secretary of the World Council of Churches, brought a ringing keynote address on "Christian Education in the Contemporary World." He brought a fine positive Christian address showing how Christianity comes to grips with the world in three movements of today; Syncretism, Communism, and the Religion of Success and Decency." We must preach what God has done in Christ for us all. Kagawa from Japan, was hard to understand, and lacked the positive emphasis I was looking for, yet he has doubtless suffered much for the uplift of the Japanese people.

The evening services were worshipful and followed a regular order printed in the program booklet, which made it easier for the many from foreign lands to take their part of the service even when they possibly could not speak so well. I heard an interpreter used only once.

A massed choir of several hundred sang well at the evening services. The convention hymn was "Fairest Lord Jesus," which is none other than our "Beautiful Savior" with a little different wording in the first verse. The main soloist was Mrs. Rosa Welch, a colored singer from Chicago who sang very impressively, and especially so, the hymn, "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?"

At Convocation Hall were the exhibits. At the entrance was one of seven station wagons used by the Home Missions Council of North

America in an effort to minister to seasonal migrants in various parts of the U.S.A. of whom there are about two and a half million. A pamphlet with the title, "When families are on wheels — so is the church," described their work. It said that for many this station wagon became a worship centre and also a recreational centre. This challenges us with the thought that in this age when so many families are on wheels the church must in some way devise means of reaching them with the Gospel of Christ.

On first floor were the exhibits of Sunday School and other Christian educational material from many denominations and countries. Augsburg publications and our Sunday School at Home literature were there too. On the second floor were a great number of visual aid exhibits, calling our attention to yet another means of making the message live before the eyes of the children. Any evaluation of all this literature as to the emphasis and vital content was impossible in the in-between session time at our disposal. But it does remind us of the many more means and methods that are available to the church of today, in the field of Christian Education and represents what the church over the world is trying to do in reaching the children with truths of the Gospel. Surely in our land there is literature enough available if we but make proper use of it. One cannot help wondering how the early Christian Church could evangelize the heathen Roman Empire without such an array of literature and without all these modern aids. Can it be that we in our day are depending so much on modern agencies and methods that we are neglecting our main responsibilities of Christian training in the home and simple every day witnessing for Christ? Good and desirable as these aids are, let every parent remember that there is no substitute for Christian Education by word and example in the home.

The convention had something to say about that, too. A director of Children's Work, Mrs. Kyles, said that the home is the laboratory in which the basic attitudes are developed, and reminded us that mechanization has brought about changes that are often detrimental to home life. Important as Christian Education is in the Sunday School and other agencies, the influence of a godless home may be such as to make their good efforts largely of no effect. What kind of home is ours — is it one that lifts and helps the child to know Christ as Savior and Lord or it is one that places a veil before his eyes and a weight about his neck that neither Sunday School nor Confirmation Class or other church agencies are able to remove?

Here they were, some five thousand delegates from nearly every country in the world to discuss and share with one another how best to bring the children to Christ! Surely they must think this important. Two quotations from an address on "The Greatest Work in the World," by Paul Calvin Payne will show how important they thought this to be: "One of the most effective ways to create history is to plant a seed in the heart of a boy." "Today the key person in a critical moment in world history is the one that teaches children." Dear reader, how important is the Christian Education of your child or the one next door?

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Some time ago a remark was made that a certain reformed group had sent out more missionaries to the Foreign Mission Field than had our own church. The one who made the remark implied that great numbers sent out to the mission field would comparatively bring a great impact for the Kingdom of God. That does not always follow. Many of the number referred to were poorly trained.

Missionary work has many phases. Some of it is like the foundation stones under a building, not seen, but yet supporting the whole structure. Ornate facing stones may receive more favorable comment. Yet there are phases of Foreign Mission work that brings blessings far beyond what a mission station or a group of stations can bring. We believe that God has used our own Missionary Pastor Peter Stolee mightily for this type of work in Madagascar. We refer to his Primer which opens to the Malagasy an easier way to learn to read. It is not enough just to preach the word; it is not enough that heathen turn to God; they must also be kept. Consider how handicapped they must be when they cannot read; how difficult it is for them to daily receive spiritual nourishment; how vulnerable they are to the enemy of souls. The primer has been printed in over 40,000 copies.

Missionary Stolee's work in this field will be enlarged after attending the session of the Scarritt Christian Workers' College at Nashville, Tennessee this summer. He was sent there by the Foreign Mission Board of the E.L.C.

It is thus easily seen that the work of one missionary doing this type of work undergirds the entire missionary program. The Word of God reveals "every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill be made low — and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed . . ." Although this refers to Messianic preparation, yet it can be truly said that making a key to fit the lock of languages opens a pathway for the glory of the Lord. Such missionary work carries no fanfare but makes its own silent, tremendous impact.

It is time now to take from our files the splendid article by Dr. Frank C. Laubach printed elsewhere in The Shepherd. "Literacy as Evangelism" should be read by everyone. Reading it will open new avenues of thinking relating to Foreign Mission opportunity. Words like these from Dr. Laubach should stir our hearts: "I tell you what we need to fear, fear the way we are now, for we aren't good enough, hot enough, high enough, daring enough, far-visioned enough for this splendid hour." He speaks of opened doors — "three doors as big as half the world which have swung open for us." We are glad that we have missionaries qualified to promote "Literacy as Evangelism."

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While our hearts are challenged by the various avenues of Foreign Mission work, let us remember all the departments of our church. We can promote missionary enterprise by supporting the budget. Every congrega-

tion should do its utmost. The days, weeks, and months before the end of the fiscal year are few.

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The need is still great for Lutheran World Action. We just opened the L.W.A. folder, "A Mighty Fortress." Turning the first page we note the words "The Kingdom Remaineth," under a picture of "Church Boats, Norway, purchased with L.W.F. funds." This is just one phase of the blessings that can be brought through Lutheran World Action. Let us make a generous contribution — at least 100 per cent — this year. Has your congregation shared this year?

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Most everyone can think of children and young folks living in areas where they have no opportunity for Sunday School and Bible class. It takes only a little effort to send in names to Sunday School at Home, S.L.B.I., Outlook, Saskatchewan. It takes only a little effort, but it may have the impact of eternity.

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We are also featuring in this issue of The Shepherd, a report of the World Convention on Christian Education at Toronto, written by Pastor A. K. Haugen, of Outlook, Saskatchewan. Among the many phases of the work mentioned it gives an impetus to the support of Lutheran World Action.

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An Evangelism Conference is to be held in the Camrose area. A full program is printed in this issue. Pray that the Lord may bless all these gatherings.

District News Items

Amy Grue who has served as parish worker in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan has been offered similar position in Edmonton under the Home Mission development in that city.

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Pastor Leonard E. McFarlane, of Langham, Saskatchewan, has accepted the call issued to him to become the pastor of Trinity congregation in Calgary.

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Mr. Norman Foster, District Luther League president, reports that a fine meeting was held in Outlook. This was a meeting of the members of the executive and board to plan for the future Luther League work.

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NEWS ITEMS FROM THE OUTLOOK PARISH

The Green Valley L.D.R. presented their annual program on the afternoon of Sunday, September 17th. Their guest speakers this year were Pastor and Mrs. John Lokken of the Hawarden Free Church parish. They brought inspiring and challenging messages on the theme, "Blueprint for Happiness." The generous offering given by a large and appreciative audience was given to S.L.B.I. After the program the L.D.R. under the leadership of Mrs. S. Brun served a fine lunch during and after which all fellowshiped together, thus bringing to a close, a pleasant and spiritually profitable afternoon.

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Bethlehem Lutheran Church is being re-decorated and will soon present a fresh and pleasing appearance. A new oil burning furnace has recently been installed which we believe will make the heating problem easier. This spring an altar ring was installed. We hope to have an altar and baptismal font soon.

THE MISSIONARIES STOLEE

Pastor and Mrs. P. B. Stolee will leave Edmonton on October 13th to return to the mission field in Madagascar. Enroute they will visit London,

Paris, France, and various points in Norway.

During his stay in this country he has taught two years at C.L.B.I. and two years at S.L.B.I. This last summer he was sent by the Foreign Mission Board of the E.L.C. to the Scarritt Christian Workers' College at Nashville, Tennessee, to take a course in preparing for further work in adult literacy in the Foreign Field. The instructor was Dr. Hohlfield, a co-worker with Dr. Laubach.

The Stolee children will remain here. Elinor, Leif, and James will attend the University of Alberta. Erling received his degree in Science last June.

A group of friends gathered at the Hoyme home in Camrose to bid them farewell. Pastor Grundahl gave the farewell message. Others giving greetings were, Mayor Hume of Camrose, Mr. O. A. Broughton and Pastor K. Bergsagel. Ralph Dahl sang: "Peace I Leave With You."

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At the time of the September 13th bulletin the indications were that the attendance of S.L.B.I. would be about 110 students. Adverse crop conditions have also made uncertain the attendance of some students.

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The Camrose Lutheran College began another school year on September 11. The attendance is about the same as last year, there being exactly 100 registered to date; 51 boys and 49 girls. Of these 37 boys and 37 girls live in the college residences while 14 boys and 12 girls live outside.

The college can accept a few more applications and there is accommodation for more girls in their residence.

The teachers this year are the same as last year:

Pastor Knut Bergsagel, principal, teacher of social studies and religion; Mr. E. F. Marken, dean of boys, teacher of science and health; Mrs. Ina Hoyme, teacher of French and mathematics. Mrs. K. Bergsagel is serving as dean of girls the present term.

It would seem that we shall have a good school year. The students have been carefully selected and appear to be earnest and eager to learn.

The school asks to be remembered in prayer in church and home.

—K. Bergsagel.

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Obituary

ALMER POMEROY ERICKSON

Almer Pomeroy Erickson of Bethel Lutheran Congregation, Frontier, passed away August 11th, 1950. He was born July 13, 1905, at Glenwood, Minnesota. He came with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Erickson in 1912 to Swift Current, Saskatchewan. In 1916 the family moved to Karluck district, now Frontier. He was confirmed by Pastor O. L. Falkeid. He was united in marriage to Selma Korsberg April 11, 1933. Pastor K. O. Kandal officiated. He was a man of fine character and devoted to his church and family.

The funeral service was held at Bethel Lutheran Church, August 14, Evangelist S. Fengstad officiating. A large crowd was in attendance. Memorials were given to the local church and S.L.B.I.

Blessed be his memory.

He is survived by his widow and three children, his parents and one brother.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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tional Night. Lutherans to a number of 225 or more gathered at Ansgar Lutheran Church. If you could have heard about some of the testings our fellow Lutherans have triumphantly endured and how God has even blessed them through their sufferings; if

you who have given to Lutheran World Action ever wondered what it accomplished could have heard the Finnish bishop thank you for two Christian centres it helped establish in Finland, or if you could have heard how through your help 15,000 Christian teachers were trained in the east zone of Germany, or if you could have heard the young man from Palestine express gratitude for your help in lessening the misery of some of the 800,000 dispossessed and refugee Arabs — if you could have heard this — you would have been thrilled and would have thanked God for the opportunity to help. As I went home that evening I remember three strong impressions: 1) The Lutheran Church has suffered more than any other from this last war, and yet God has probably strengthened her spiritually through it all; 2) Love's Working Arm was more than a slogan for Lutheran World Action; it was a reality; 3) Wonderful as fellowship of Christians from all denominations can be here on earth, it has its limitations. The more united and definite we are in faith, the closer the fellowship can also be.

It was natural for me to compare this convention with the Saskatoon convention of our Luther League last year. In size they were about the same. One thing we must remember was that this was a different type of convention because it was directed at a more mature age group, not to the teen agers themselves but to the workers and leaders of youth and children. The Saskatoon messages were more evangelistic, more directed to the conscience and heart, and had a stronger and more definitely Christian emphasis. Panel discussions had a prominent place in both. Perhaps it was not to be expected that this convention should make the impact on a city of nearly a million that our Luther League convention made on a city of 55,000. Yet most of the Toronto delegates were leaders in their field. I had expected more space in the papers and over the radio. That our Luther League convention had better coverage both in the press and over the air is my impression.

It was a wonderful privilege and an unforgettable experience to be at this world convention. The privilege is the more appreciated when it is recalled that only twelve such conventions have been held before, none in Canada, and the last before the war, fourteen years ago in Oslo, Norway. It gives one a wider vision of the church and its problems and its responsibilities in shaping the world of tomorrow through the children of today.

Yet such conventions cannot in themselves do this. For one thing so called Christian lands and peoples must cease taking their own Christianity for granted, and must work out their own salvation with fear and trembling through a living faith in the living Christ and the use and application of His Word to their daily lives. Means and methods can never be a substitute for repentance and faith which help men to live such a life of testimony to the saving power of Christ that others will see Christ through us. Dare we say with Paul, "Be ye imitators of me even as I also am of Christ." (I Cor. 11:1)?

While the unsettled conditions today have many disheartening aspects let us remember that they give us extraordinary opportunities to shape the kind of world into which this fluid condition is going to solidify. We have an opportunity to cast the mold that shall shape the world of tomorrow. Perhaps none have a greater opportunity to do this than those who mold the lives of children and youth. Parents, teachers, pastors, let us go home and pray for the power let us be faithful stewards of the Word of Grace, "giving them their portion of food in due season." Thus shall we write history with the pen and guidance of God's Holy Spirit and power of God.

LUTHERAN PASTORS MEET AT RED DEER

An interesting and instructive meeting of Lutheran pastors from several synods was held at Red Deer, Alberta, on Monday, September 18th, with the purpose of getting acquainted through fellowship and study. Rev. A. F. Reiner, pastor of the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church at Red Deer was host pastor, with the Intersynodical Lutheran Ministerials of Calgary and Edmonton invited to attend at this central point, so as to offer Lutheran pastors from all of southern and central Alberta the opportunity to gather. Between thirty and forty pastors responded and were present, representing at least five synods. This is the second joint meeting of this kind held at this point, the previous one being held two years ago. It is proposed to have such a meeting once a year in the future.

At the morning session, Rev. T. W. Maakestad, chairman of the Edmonton Intersynodical Ministerial served as chairman. Rev. A. F. Reiner, the host pastor, led in the opening devotions. Rev. G. Jacobs (Mo.) of Stony Plain, gave a very interesting and discussion-provoking study of the topic "The Treatment of the Millennium on the Basis of Revelation 20:1-7, as it affects Lutheran Synods Today."

Perhaps the greatest amount of discussion was provoked by a paper presented by Rev. J. Leinweber of Calgary at the afternoon session of which Rev. A. Gehring (Mo.), chairman of the Calgary Ministerial Association, was in charge. After the opening devotions led by Rev. Gehring, the venerable Pastor Leinweber (A.L.C.) briefly presented the chief considerations of the question, "How Do We Arrive at Doctrine?" The discussion led into the problems of what doctrine is, and what is its source, and not the least the place of doctrine in the teaching and preaching in churches of today. Following a brief recess, Rev. Mueller (Mo.) of Edmonton filled the assignment of Dr. A. H. Schwermann of Concordia College, who was unable to be present due to the opening of school, in the presentation of "The Common Confession," drawn up jointly by the committees of the Missouri Synod and the American Lutheran Church and passed upon at their recent conventions as a basis for doctrinal agreement. The Confession was read in its entirety but did not provoke much discussion, as there seemed to be little difference of opinion regarding that set forth.

A spirit of friendliness pervaded the meeting and it seemed that all felt that it was a day which furthered understanding among the pastors present. The three groups immediately concerned in the union toward which steps are being taken, the A.L.C., E.L.C., and U.E.L.C., were all represented in this gathering. Other more local gatherings of the same order are held more often. Another such meeting will be held in Edmonton on October 10th, for the pastors in that area. While perhaps not including all the synods, a joint Lutheran Reformation Rally will be held again at Edmonton this year on Reformation Sunday. Rev. Marcus Rieke, A.L.C., will be the speaker. All such gatherings promise further understanding and unity among Lutherans for the future.

—K. C. G.

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The Christian life is never static! Its essential characteristic is growth! The Holy Spirit, through the Word and Sacraments, seeks not only to bring a soul to a living Faith in Jesus Christ, but to more and more promote and stabilize the faith of a believer!

There is only one of three conditions that a person may find himself spiritually. There are those who have heard the Word much and yet their continue on without Christ, unsaved, lost! Others, who, through hearing His voice have come and are daily walking in His fellowship! But there is also this third group (whom Jude has in mind as he writes), and that is those who have tasted of the good things of God, and have fallen back again, the apostate, the backslider! Oh, how God anguished over the "turning back" of the people of Israel upon whom He had lavished His love, and performed so many wonderful works! Will we ever fully fathom the pathos of those words spoken by Jesus to the many who began to turn back after He had shown them what it would cost to be His follower (Luke 14: 26-27), "Will ye also go away?" What anguish of soul is bound up in that word 'friend' as Jesus spoke it to Judas that night when that falling away which all along had been going on in his heart, reached its climax, and the "self" before whom he had been bowing plunged him headlong into perdition!

Jude recognizing this danger sets forth historical incidents of the terrible judgment that came upon groups and individuals who at one time had it well with the Lord, but because of disobedience, selfishness, and falling for the teachings of men who crept in unawares, fell away! In contrast to these he mentions Enock who lived in unbroken fellowship with God! Concluding his letter Jude sets forth a number of ways whereby we can be kept and built up spiritually, which are:

(1) Pray in the Holy Spirit! Only one of the exercises of the Christian Faith is mentioned, that of Prayer, to show how a Christian despairing of anything of self needs throw himself upon the mercy of God! This spirit God seeks to bring about, and maintain in your heart and mine! Rom. 8: 13-14.

(2) Keep Yourself in the Love of God! Faith in Christ necessitates the love of Christ in one's heart! Do you really love Jesus, yes, as much, and increasingly so, as the moment He first came into your heart? In spite of the "many things" in which they were diligent, God reproves the Church of Ephesus (Rev. 2: 1-7) because they had lost this "their first love!"

(3) Looking for the Mercy of Our Lord Jesus Christ unto Eternal Life! To become His child, and to remain so, there is only one place where God will reckon with us, and that is in Christ and Him Crucified! Here is where He poured out His love and mercy for us, here, and only here, can it ever be obtained! Oh my friend, what is actually the object of your life? Is it the flimsy, transient, temporary things of self and this world, or is it Christ? When these other things pass away as a mirage in the horizon where then are you going to look for life? In Christ, and Him alone can you have the hope of eternal life! Heb. 12: 1-2!

(4) On Some Have Compassion . . . Others Save With Fear . . . Pulling Them Out of the Fire! With unbroken emphasis (over against the terrible picture of the lost as heading for the fire) Jude shows that the best way to grow spiritually is to be passionately concerned over others! To live selfishly, to give grudgingly, and to go on undisturbed about the unsaved is definitely not Christian! Emphatically Jesus says: "He who seeketh to keep his life shall lose it; but whoso loseth his life for My sake shall find it."

(5) Hating even the Garment Spot-

ted by the Flesh! Oh to get down to business when it comes to this matter of sin! To condone, and practice, that which the Spirit of God convicts you of and condemns, is to play with matches in your spiritual life! How we, particularly in our day of twisted values, thwarted morals, dwarfing of what is sin, must needs live positively, walked evenly, stand definitely, and speak up unhesitatingly, so that sin in whatever shape or form be unmasked and exposed!

(6) Finally, remember that to be saved, kept, and built up in one's holy faith is not self, but unto Him that is able to keep you from falling and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy! The key to my whole spiritual life, in coming to and remaining in the faith, is to lay myself open before God, and permit Him to pour into my all too littleness, more and more of His expanding greatness! Thus God can take the yielded heart and create within it a real love for Himself and a poured-out concern for others. Is such your condition spiritually?

R. O. OLSON.

GOVERNMENT OLD AGE PENSIONS

According to a recent release from Ottawa, the number of persons receiving Old Age pensions increased from 277,031 at December 31, 1949, to 282,584 at the end of March, 1950. The average monthly pension in seven provinces ranged between \$37-17 and \$38.65; in three provinces between \$34.36 and \$36.22. In Newfoundland where the maximum pension payable was \$30.00, the average was \$29.47.

BOOK REVIEW

"Homiletics," a manual of the theory and practice of preaching, by Dr. M. Reu, Augsburg Publishing House, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dr. Reu was a prolific writer. He made important contribution to church literature. Through arrangement with the Wartburg Press, this book which is much in demand has been reprinted by Augsburg Publishing House.

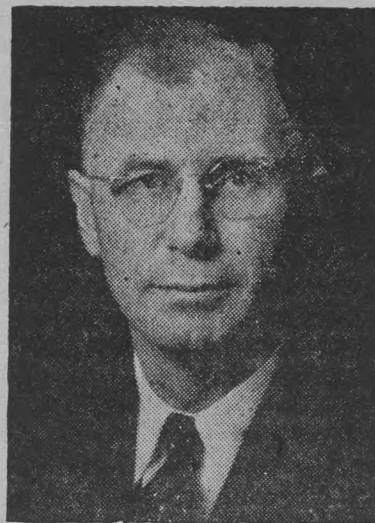
One reviewer states that the book seeks to fulfill two purposes: 1) It is intended as a text book in seminaries; and 2) It serves as a handbook in pastors' studies.

There are three main parts to this book: The Nature and Purpose of the Sermon; the Subject-Matter of the sermon and its Derivation; The Structure of the Sermon. The purpose of the sermon, says the author, determines to a large extent the subject matter and the structure. The underlying conception and nature of the sermon thus gets full treatment in this book on Homiletics.

It is a valuable book. The choice of texts, the Church Year, Occasional Services, Relation of Text to the Sermon, Expository preaching, Bible Translations, and like paragraphs deal with every phase of preaching. "Practical Illustrations" are found in the concluding hundred pages of the volume.

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REVISED PROGRAM

For the Proposed Area Evangelism Conference In The Camrose-Bawlf Area

OCTOBER 22-25, 1950

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22:

Morning—E. C. Reinertson, Chauvin.

Conrad Thompson, Camrose, "Fundamentals in Evangelism."

Afternoon—E. C. Reinertson, Chauvin.

C. Thompson, Armena, "Fundamentals in Evangelism."

Evening—E. C. Reinertson, Viking, "Fundamentals in Evangelism."

C. Thompson, Bawlf, "Fundamentals in Evangelism."

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23:

Morning, 11.00 a.m.—Pastors' Conference, Camrose, Continuing in the afternoon if need be.

Evening—C. Thompson, Viking, "Evangelism, a Planned Program."

E. C. Reinertson, Camrose, "Evangelism, a Planned Program."

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24:

Morning—E. C. Reinertson, Speaker at Camrose College.

Afternoon—C. Thompson, Viking, "Evangelism as Total Mobilization."

E. C. Reinertson, Armena, "Evangelism, a Planned Program."

Evening—C. Thompson, Bawlf, "Evangelism, a Planned Program."

E. C. Reinertson, Armena, "Evangelism as Total Mobilization."

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25:

Afternoon—C. Thompson, Bawlf, "Evangelism in the Home."

E. C. Reinertson, Camrose, "Evangelism in the Home."

Evening—C. Thompson, Camrose, "Evangelism as Total Mobilization."

E. C. Reinertson, Bawlf, "Evangelism as Total Mobilization."

All details of the suggested program to remain intact, such as the Demonstrations, etc.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S LUTHER LEAGUE

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CANADA DISTRICT LUTHER LEAGUE

Here are the Luther Leaguers that gathered for an inspirational L.L. Convention July 24-27, 1950, at Prince Albert. The picture is taken in front of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, in which we met during the convention days. There were 319 registered, Many visitors were also present during the daily sessions.

CONVENTION, Prince Albert

This group picture of the Luther League Convention held in Prince Albert, is now available for the price of \$1.25. Send your orders along with remittance to O. A. Voldeng, Prince Albert, Sask., and you will receive a picture by return mail. The picture includes more of the church than shown here, and is 7½ inches by 9½ inches. Let this be your souvenir of the P.A. convention.

CANADA DISTRICT LUTHER LEAGUE BOARD MEETING

Members of the Canada Luther League Board met at S.L.B.I., Outlook, on September 20th and 21st for their annual business meeting, with the president, Norman Foster, presiding. Routine business was taken care of and many interesting and alive discussions were enjoyed by the group. Pastor Oscar A. Anderson, International Luther League executive secretary, was not able to be with us, but Dr. O. K. Storaasli ably took his place by presenting to the board a very interesting digest of the International board meeting. Hearing this and the other reports made one really rejoice to be able to serve our Savior in our Christ-centered Luther League. With the theme for 1951, "Triumphant in Christ," we press forward to great victories!

Just a Few of the Highlights of our Business Meeting

Youth in Action allocations were unchanged for 1951 — but Leaguers, let's go over the top for the Christ who has put us into action!

Encouraging was the report from the Bible Camp Co-ordinator, showing an increase in senior attendance this past year. Plans were also made for Bible Camp film and book library.

Canadian Leaguers Advance: Much time was spent in this project, with some real "healthy" discussions as to how our Canada League could advance. November 5th is to be used as a suggested date for Canadian Leaguers Advance Sunday. Folders are to be printed and used to educate our local leaguers in this project. It was moved that we support a full time Luther League Evangelist in Canada for a year. Parish Worker Placement Committee: The name was changed to Canadian Leaguers' Advance Committee. The new committee consists of Pastor Gordon Hope, Mr. G. Loken, and Pastor Donald Hanson.

Prayer Crusader for our Seattle Convention is Daniel Vinge.

Canadian Transportation Director for the Seattle Convention is Curtis Satre.

The board moved to help pay the expenses of our two winning orators of the Prince Albert Convention to the International Convention at Seattle.

The theme for 1951 is, "Triumphant in Christ," text, I Corinthians 15: 57-58. The hymn is the first two verses of "A Mighty Fortress is Our God."

—Miss Amy Grue, Secretary, Canada District Luther League.

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Matt. 5:16. (R.S.V.) League work is not just a series of

Conventions, Circuit, District, or International. We must be practical in carrying out our aim of "Holding and winning young people for Christ." As local leaguers we are to deal with individuals in all our activities in building the Kingdom of God through the Luther League.

There are the local programs to carry on. A very personal approach to League work to say the least. In the home congregation you are the Leaguer "in action." Are you doing your share, "fitting into the picture?" Our League organization can be no stronger than the local League, spiritually or otherwise.

Speaking of co-operation in League work — the last issue of the Luther League page in The Shepherd is a practical example. Just because many Leaguers wrote about their impressions of the convention, a very fine post-convention League-page was produced. "Participation is an important "P."

Such organization and co-operation must be manifest on the local level also. If we as local Leaguers back home do our little bit the whole program of League aims is carried out.

How about the unchurched and infrequent about us? Do they realize that Christ, our Leader, means something to us? That the aims of the League are not just idle words? Are we practical? "Let your light so shine!"

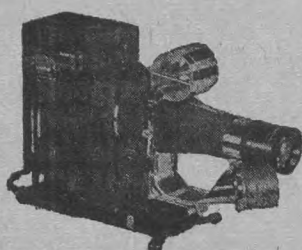
—Norman Foster.

MORE P.A. CONVENTION NEWS

See the Conventioners in action! Luther Leaguers are advised that the 16mm. film of this summer's Y.P.L.L. convention at Prince Albert is now ready. Bookings should be made through the Film Library, Bible Institute Bookstore, Outlook, Saskatchewan. Rental rate set by the District Board is \$2.00 per showing.

Also available are some 35mm. colored slides on this convention, the Leadership camp at Christopher Lake, and of Hastings Lake Bible Camp of the Camrose and Edmonton Circuits. These are distributed without charge by the Film Library.

G. Loken.



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THRILLING LUTHER LEAGUE ACTIVITY

On Sunday evening, August 13, the people of the Bentley district met for their first L.L. program. The church was filled to capacity and the number of young people in the group showed wonderful possibilities for continued and active service in Luther League work. The co-operation of the young people made the first program very simple to plan. Not a single person refused the task they were asked to carry out.

The program consisted of opening rally hymns, devotion by Orvil Anderson, topics by Floyd Anderson and Howard Bergeson, reading by Melvin Solberg, duets by Floyd and Mamona Anderson, Mrs. Oscar and Mrs. Melvin Vig, Floyd Anderson and Curtis Satre, accordion solo by Eileen Vig and song by five girls, Eleanor Bergeson, Eileen Vig, Christine Johnson, Annie Vig and Frances Holmen.

The business meeting was spirited and nominations showed abundant choice for leaders. The new executive for Vig Luther League is: President, John Ree; vice-president, Melvin Solberg; secretary, Howard Bergeson; treasurer, Eileen Vig; and Pocket Testament League secretary, Helen Frostad.

This group met with the student pastor on Saturday evening and the plans for the next month were made. On August 27th this League group brought an exchange program to Asker congregation.

Watch this League! It is one of the biggest we have in Alberta and it has real possibilities. It needs your prayers.

—Curtis Satre.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Swift Current Circuit Luther League is holding its convention at White Valley Church, October 13-15. Pastor Selmer Heen of Havre, Montana, has been asked to be the guest speaker. The theme to be used is, "Behold Christ Crucified."

The Yorkton Circuit Luther League convention will be held at the Lutheran Church in Rose Valley, October 13-15.

This is an important weekend especially for Leaguers in those areas, so as loyal Luther Leaguers let us plan to attend and be there. Use the channel of prayer to prepare hearts, both yours and others, for spiritual blessings to abound there. These conventions are welcome to all, young and old. Nowhere can one receive more lasting impressions and blessings than at a Young People's Luther League gathering where Christ shines forth so vividly in their lives.

TO LEAGUERS!

The refreshing summer is over, and the harvest is gathered in. Many, many Leaguers have gone away from home, thus leaving the local League much smaller than ever. But that, too, is a blessing, as then those who are left have the opportunity to make use of and develop their talents to the utmost. Thus the autumn and winter months also become a challenge for Luther League work on the home front

Is it true that the Leaguers who have left home, have forgotten all about the Luther League? Remember, that there are Luther Leagues also where you go to school. You need the fellowship with other Leaguers so make yourself acquainted. Your year at school will be so much richer when you associate with a Christian group of young people whose ideals are high, and whose master is Jesus Christ. So look up your church, and attend regularly, so as not to despise the Christian training which you have received at home. God bless you all as you launch out into renewed L.L. emphasis. Live, yes, live for Christ in everything!

The Canada District Luther League Board is now ready to receive invitations for the place of the next District Convention to be held in 1952. It has been suggested that perhaps it should be in Alberta this time.

A man can no more take a supply of grace for the future than he can eat enough today to last him for the next six months, or take sufficient air into his lungs at once to sustain life of a week to come. We must draw upon God's boundless stores for grace from day to day as we need it.—Moody.

Sorrow seems sent out for our instruction, as we darken the cages of birds when we would teach them to sing.—Jean Paul.

CHURCH PAPER MONTH

The month of October will be used for getting The Shepherd and Lutheran Herald into every home in Canada. We are particularly desirous to have The Shepherd read by every family in our Church in Canada. In my visitations I was surprised to see how many families were without our Church papers. It is our hope that both pastor and lay-people will put forth every effort in October, and that when the month is ended we may see a great increase in the number of families who have subscribed to both The Shepherd and the Lutheran Herald.

—Mars A. Dale.